

REMARKS

Each independent claim 1 and 12-16 has been amended to recite that the graphic element has "an arrowhead shape pointing in a scan direction lengthwise of the symbol". By way of example, see the arrowheads in Figs. 1-2. This feature reinforces the directionality of the symbol, i.e., the preferred direction along which the symbol is to be scanned and read.

As the Examiner noted, U.S. Patent No. 5,262,625 to Tom fails to teach any graphic element constituting a graphical user interface. U.S. Patent No. 6,412,695 to Reber discloses a delineator form factor having a shape resembling the Australian continent. Even when Tom and Reber are combined, they still do not teach or suggest any arrowhead-shaped pattern that points in a scan direction lengthwise of the symbol.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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